THUNDERSTORM SAFETY

derstorms affect relatively small areas. Typically they
les in diameter and last an average of 30 minutes.
orms are dangerous and produce lightning, which kills
e per year than tornadoes.

derstorms can also cause:
h Flooding
ong Winds
nadoes

LIGHTNING

rs with all thunderstorms and averages 93 deaths and ies each year.

s in recent years occurred while people were:

ting
nding Under A Tree
ving Soccer
mming
ing On A Lawnmower
hing In A Boat
fing
king On The Telephone
untain Climbing
e Riding

n Flooding:
e #1 thunderstorm killer, nearly 140 deaths each year
st deaths occur at night and when people become trap
their automobiles

ght-Line Winds:
nds can exceed 100mph
e specific type is the “Downburst” it can cause damag
uivalent to a strong tornado and can be extremely dan
aviation

e Hail:
ls at speeds faster then 100mph
uses nearly $1 Billion in crop and property damage an
stliest damage was in Denver, CO on July 11, 1990
25 Million in damage

ornadoes:

Winds can exceed over 200mph

Average of 80 deaths and 1,500 injuries each year

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ve to a sturdy building, do not take shelter in sheds or
ated trees.
ne lines & metal pipes can conduct electricity, unplug
liances that are not necessary for weather informatio
only use the phone for an emergency.
Not take a bath or shower.
n off the air conditioning. Power surges from lightnin
overload the compressor.
to higher ground if flash flooding / flooding is occurri
ce flooding begins, abandon cars and climb to higher g
Not attempt to drive to safety, remember most flash fl
ths occur in cars.

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utdoors find a low spot away from trees, fences, and p
e sure the place you choose isn’t subject to flooding.

ou’re in the woods take shelter under the shorter tree

ou feel your skin tingle or your hair stand on end, squ
to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your ha
your knees with your head between them. Make yours
smallest target possible & minimize your contact with
und.

en boating or swimming go to land and find shelter
mediately.

Remember to take shelter during thunderstorms
and use good sense if you see one rolling in
to your area.
Be careful and have a safe April.